[*Translation*]

Deaths in Police Custody in Delhi

1550. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI HARADSHAN ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of deaths in police custody in Delhi during 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 so far?

(b) the findings of the investigations made in this regards;

(c) the steps taken to check the custodial deaths and torture; and

(d) the number of details of cases in which the courts have passed strictures against the police and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Talks with ULFA

1551. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks were hold between the Union Government and the activitists of the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) recently;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether a number of ULFA activists were released for the purpose of holding these talks ; and

(d) the various steps taken or being taken for the solution of Assam problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (d). Some leaders of ULFA have given assurance some time back to accept, and seek solution to their problems, within the Constitution of India, give up violence, to surrender their arms, after ratification by the General Council of the ULFA. Ratification of the decision has not been received. To facilitate the process of negotiations some ULFA activists were released and the Govt. agreed to suspend the Army operation.

[*English*]

Concession to Scheduled Caste Christians in Employment

1552. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to make special laws for giving concession to Scheduled Caste christians in employment and other priority sectors;

(b) if so, the details there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Communal Riots

1553. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:
SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots occured during 1991 and January-February,1992, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the main reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons killed, injured and loss of property State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) the action taken against the persons found responsible for these riots;

(e) the number of incidents on which judicial /administrative enquiry has been instituted, State/Union Territory-wise;

(f) the amount of compensation paid to the next-of-kin of those killed, the victims who sustained injuries and who have lost their property;

(g) whether the Union Government have issued any guidelines to provide employment to the near relatives of those killed in these riots; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c). On the basis of available information , a statement is annexed.

(d) to (f). The maintenance of public order is included in List-II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constituion and is, therefore, the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has from time to time issued guidelines for promotion of communal harmony to the States/Union Territories which cover various matters relating to the prevention of communal disturbances and the maintenance of communal peace and harmony.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

On the basis of available information, the particulars of the major communal riots that took place in the country during 1991 and January-February, 1992 State/Union Territory-wise indicating the places of riots and the number of persons killed and injured in each case are given below:-

Name of the place	*Number of persons*		*Loss of property*
	Killed	*Injured*	
1991			
Andhra Pradesh			
Hyderabad (Sept.22-28)	**5**	**49**	**N.A.**